

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2673, Consolidated Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004.

The House agreed to H.J. Res. 82, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2004.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet on Tuesday, December 9, 2003, at 10 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 49 public bills, H.R. 3651–3699; 1 private bill, H.R. 3700; and 19 resolutions, H.J. Res. 82–83; H. Con. Res. 345–348, and H. Res. 474–485, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows today:

H. Res. 473, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2673, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 (H. Rept. 108–402);

H.R. 3478, to amend title 44, United States Code, to improve the efficiency of operations by the National Archives and Records Administration (H. Rept. 108–403).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Boozman to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10 a.m. and reconvened at 11 a.m.

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Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY 2004: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2673, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 (also contains FY2004 appropriations for Agriculture, Commerce-Justice-State, District of Columbia, Foreign Operations, Labor-HHS-Education, Transportation-Treasury, and VA-HUD), by a yeas-and-nays vote of 242 yeas to 176 nays, Roll No. 676.

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Agreed to H. Res. 473, providing for consideration of the conference report, by a recorded vote of 216 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 675, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nays vote of 214 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 674.

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Agreed to H. Res. 465, providing for same day consideration of H. Res. 473, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, by a recorded vote of 212 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 673, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nays vote of 211 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 672.

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Question of Privileges of the House: The House agreed to table H. Res. 474, concerning a matter of

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the privileges of the House, by a yea-and-nay vote of 207 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 677.

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Committee to Notify the President: The House agreed to H. Res. 476, providing for a committee of two Members to be appointed by the House to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that the two Houses have completed its business of the session and are ready to adjourn, unless the President has some other communication to make to them. Subsequently, the Chair announced the appointment of Representatives DeLay and Pelosi to the committee.

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Resignations—Appointments: Agreed that for the remainder of the 108th Congress, the Speaker, the Majority Leader and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House.

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Extension of Remarks: Agreed that Members may have until publication of the last edition of the Congressional Record authorized for the first session of the 108th Congress by the Joint Committee on Printing to revise and extend their remarks and to include brief, related extraneous material on any matter occurring before the adjournment of the first session sine die.

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CAN–SPAM Act of 2003: The House agreed to the Senate amendments to the House amendments on S. 877, to regulate interstate commerce by imposing limitations and penalties on the transmission of unsolicited commercial electronic mail via the Internet.

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Defense Production Act Reauthorization of 2003: The House agreed to the Senate amendments to the House amendments on S. 1680, to reauthorize the Defense Production Act of 1950.

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Printing of House Document: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 345, authorizing the printing as a House document of the transcripts of the proceedings of “The Changing Nature of the House Speakership: The Cannon Centenary Conference”, sponsored by the Congressional Research Service on November 12, 2003.

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Mental Health Parity Reauthorization Act of 2003: The House passed S. 1929, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Public Health Service Act to extend the mental health benefits parity provisions for an additional year.

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Federal Law Enforcement Pay and Benefits Parity Act of 2003: The House passed S. 1683, to provide for a report on the parity of pay and benefits among Federal law enforcement officers and to estab-

lish an exchange program between Federal law enforcement employees and State and local law enforcement employees.

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Continuing Appropriations for FY 2004: The House passed H.J. Res. 82, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2004.

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Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site Establishment Act of 2003: The House agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 1012, to establish the Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site in the District of Columbia.

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Captive Wildlife Safety Act: The House agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 1006, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to further the conservation of certain wildlife species.

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Coconino and Tonto National Forests Land Exchange: The House agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 622, to provide for the exchange of certain lands in the Coconino and Tonto National Forests in Arizona.

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Preserving Independence of Financial Institution Examinations Act of 2003: The House passed S. 1947, to prohibit the offer of credit by a financial institution to a financial institution examiner.

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Tax on Imported Archery Products: The House passed H.R. 3652, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the taxation of imported archery products.

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Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: The House agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 100, to restate, clarify, and revise the Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Civil Relief Act of 1940.

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American Dream Downpayment Act: The House passed S. 811, to support certain housing proposals in the fiscal year 2003 budget for the Federal Government, including the downpayment assistance initiative under the HOME Investment Partnership Act, and for other purposes.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H12747–48.

Senate Referral: S. 33 was referred to the Committees on Resources and Agriculture; S. 1537 was referred to the Committee on Resources; S. 1683 was referred to the Committee on Government Reform; S. 99, S. 103, S. 460, S. 541, S. 848, S. 1130, and S. 1920 were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; S. 648 and S. 1881 were referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce; and S. 1402 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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Presidential Message: Read a letter from the President wherein he transmitted the annual report of the Railroad Retirement Board—referred to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Ways and Means. **Page H12878**

Message from the Clerk: Read a letter from the Clerk wherein he designated Gerasimos C. Vans, Deputy Clerk, to sign any and all papers and do other acts under the name of the Clerk of the House of Representatives, or if Mr. Vans is not available, then Mr. Daniel J. Strodel, Assistant to the Clerk or Ms. Marjorie C. Kelaher, Assistant to the Clerk should perform these duties. **Pages H12878–79**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H12758–59, H12759–60, H12765, H12766, H12845, and H12853–54. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:30 a.m. and at 9:40 p.m., in accordance with the provisions of H. Con. Res. 339, the first session of the 108th Congress adjourned sine die.

Committee Meetings

CONFERENCE REPORT—CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2673, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Young and Representatives Obey and Andrews.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1337)

H.R. 1588, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces. Signed on November 24, 2003. (Public Law 108–136).

H.R. 2754, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. Signed on December 1, 2003. (Public Law 108–137).

S. 1066, to correct a technical error from Unit T–07 of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System. Signed on December 1, 2003. (Public Law 108–138).

S.J. Res. 18, commending the Inspectors General for their efforts to prevent and detect waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement, and to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the Federal Government during the past 25 years. Signed on December 1, 2003. (Public Law 108–139).

S.J. Res. 22, recognizing the Agricultural Research Service of the Department of Agriculture for 50 years of outstanding service to the Nation through agricultural research. Signed on December 1, 2003. (Public Law 108–140).

S. 1590, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service, located at 315 Empire Boulevard in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, New York, as the “James E. Davis Post Office Building”. Signed on December 1, 2003. (Public Law 108–141).

S. 254, to revise the boundary of the Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park in the State of Hawaii. Signed on December 2, 2003. (Public Law 108–142).

S. 867, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 710 Wicks Lane in Billings, Montana, as the “Ronald Reagan Post Office Building”. Signed on December 2, 2003. (Public Law 108–143).

S. 1718, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3710 West 73rd Terrace in Prairie Village, Kansas, as the “Senator James B. Pearson Post Office”. Signed on December 2, 2003. (Public Law 108–144).

H.R. 3182, to reauthorize the adoption incentive payments program under part E of title IV of the Social Security Act. Signed on December 2, 2003. (Public Law 108–145).

H.R. 23, to amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to authorize communities to use community development block grant funds for construction of tornado-safe shelters in manufactured home parks. Signed on December 3, 2003. (Public Law 108–146).

H.R. 1683, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2003, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans. Signed on December 3, 2003. (Public Law 108–147).

H.R. 1904, to improve the capacity of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to conduct hazardous fuels reduction projects on National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands aimed at protecting communities, watersheds, and certain other at-risk lands from catastrophic wildfire, to enhance efforts to protect watersheds and address threats to forest and rangeland health, including catastrophic wildfire, across the

landscape. Signed on December 3, 2003. (Public Law 108–148).

H.R. 2744, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 514 17th Street in Moline, Illinois, as the “David Bybee Post Office Building”. Signed on December 3, 2003. (Public Law 108–149).

H.R. 3175, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2650 Cleveland Avenue, NW in Canton, Ohio, as the “Richard D. Watkins Post Office Building”. Signed on December 3, 2003. (Public Law 108–150).

H.R. 3379, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3210 East 10th Street in Bloomington, Indiana, as the “Francis X. McCloskey Post Office Building”. Signed on December 3, 2003. (Public Law 108–151).

S. 117, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange certain land in the State of Florida. Signed on December 3, 2003. (Public Law 108–152).

S. 189, to authorize appropriations for nanoscience, nanoengineering, and nanotechnology research. Signed on December 3, 2003. (Public Law 108–153).

S. 286, to revise and extend the Birth Defects Prevention Act of 1998. Signed on December 3, 2003. (Public Law 108–154).

S. 650, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to authorize the Food and Drug Administration to require certain research into drugs used in pediatric patients. Signed on December 3, 2003. (Public Law 108–155).

S. 1685, to extend and expand the basic pilot program for employment eligibility verification. Signed on December 3, 2003. (Public Law 108–156).

S. 1720, to provide for Federal court proceedings in Plano, Texas. Signed on December 3, 2003. (Public Law 108–157).

S. 1824, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to reauthorize the Overseas Private Investment Corporation. Signed on December 3, 2003. (Public Law 108–158).

H.R. 2622, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act, to prevent identity theft, improve resolution of consumer disputes, improve the accuracy of consumer records, make improvements in the use of, and consumer access to, credit information. Signed on December 4, 2003. (Public Law 108–159).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of April H. Foley, of New York, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and Joseph Max Cleland, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the impact of shifting global economic forces on the federal government’s ability to negotiate, monitor and enforce trade agreements, 10 a.m., SD–342.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House.

The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 7 through November 30, 2003

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	166	132	..
Time in session	1,444 hrs., 32'	1,003 hrs., 59'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	16,080	12,746	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	2,465	..
Public bills enacted into law	49	110	159
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference	22	8	..
Measures passed, total	575	664	1,239
Senate bills	179	55	..
House bills	131	285	..
Senate joint resolutions	5	3	..
House joint resolutions	14	19	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	37	8	..
House concurrent resolutions	32	76	..
Simple resolutions	177	218	..
Measures reported, total	349	371	720
Senate bills	237	11	..
House bills	46	230	..
Senate joint resolutions	4	1	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	3	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	10	..	..
House concurrent resolutions	1	9	..
Simple resolutions	51	117	..
Special reports	18	6	..
Conference reports	3	24	..
Measures pending on calendar	156	77	..
Measures introduced, total	2,368	4,547	6,915
Bills	1,978	3,650	..
Joint resolutions	26	81	..
Concurrent resolutions	86	344	..
Simple resolutions	278	472	..
Quorum calls	3	2	..
Yea-and-nay votes	459	413	..
Recorded votes .....	..	256	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	..	..
Vetoed overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 7 through November 30, 2003

Civilian Nominations, totaling 588, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed	326
Unconfirmed	250
Withdrawn	12

Other Civilian Nominations, totaling 2,578, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed	2,573
Unconfirmed	5

Air Force Nominations, totaling 9,066, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed	5,494
Unconfirmed	3,572

Army Nominations, totaling 6,012, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed	5,416
Unconfirmed	596

Navy Nominations, totaling 7,752, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed	5,308
Unconfirmed	2,444

Marine Corps Nominations, totaling 2,413, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed	2,411
Unconfirmed	2

Summary

Total Nominations carried over from the First Session	0
Total Nominations Received this Session	28,409
Total Confirmed	21,528
Total Unconfirmed	6,869
Total Withdrawn	12
Total Returned to the White House	0

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 215 reports have been filed in the Senate, a total of 401 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, December 9

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 20, 2004

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will be in a period of morning business. Also, Senate may consider the conference report to accompany H.R. 2673, Omnibus Appropriations Act; and any other cleared legislative and executive business.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday, January 20th 2004: Convening of the second session of the 108th Congress.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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